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Center School's Ninth Annual Science Day was held for students on Thursday, March 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and on the morning of Friday, March 6 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for parents to visit students' exhibits and projects.

The emphasis of Science Day is to foster an appreciation of science and the learning experience derived from doing a project and/or experiment. Student participation is on a voluntary basis and is non-competitive. Student exhibits may consist of a demonstration, models, experiments, and/or science related collections (such as rock or shell collections). Students were not allowed to exhibit live animals, dangerous chemicals, open flames, explosives, or anything that could be potentially dangerous.

A highlight of this year's Science Day was a visit by the New England Aquarium's "Tide Pool Revue" program in the cafeteria on Friday morning, March 6. The "Tide Pool Revue" program, which was presented by Amanda Reed of the New England Aquarium, uses interactive theater to highlight animals of the rocky coast.

In the first part of the two-part program under the direction of their classroom teacher, students studied about a different animal, learning about its adaptations, feeding behavior, and movements. During the second part, Ms. Reed directed students in a presentation focusing on the tide pool life of the rocky coastline, with students in sea life animal costumes playing the roles of a periwinkle, sea urchin, rock crab, sea star, and hermit crab.

Pottery Program

Sippican Historical Society Hosts Curator

Dedham Pottery curator, lecturer, and appraiser Jim Kaufman will present a lecture illustrated with 130 slides titled "A History of the Dedham and Chelsea Potteries of the Robertson Family" on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm at the St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (corner of South and Front Streets in Marion).

A native of Ohio now residing in Massachusetts for 26 years and in Dedham for 14, Mr. Kaufman received his BA degree from Amherst College. He is president of Federal Hill Investment Management, an investment brokerage firm. Mr. Kaufman has collected and researched Dedham Pottery for the past 13 years. He is curator for the Dedham and Chelsea Ceramic Pottery at the Dedham Historical Society and is also the founder and author of the Dedham Pottery Collectors Society Newsletter. Mr. Kaufman is also a member of the American Art Pottery Association and Boston China Students Club.

Jim Kaufman continues to research the history of Dedham Pottery and welcomes all information or inquiries at 1-800-283-8070.



Left: A rare, five-inch tall Dedham Pottery Pitcher in the Chicken Pattern, circa 1925. The Sippican Historical Society will be hosting a program on the history of such pottery on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall in Marion. The speaker will be Jim Kaufman, Curator for the Dedham and Chelsea Ceramic Pottery at the Dedham Historical Society. (Photo courtesy of Sippican Historical Society).

On the cover: First grade student Conor Bordwick of Mattapoisett (in periwinkle costume) participates in the New England Aquarium presentation "Tide Pool Revue" with volunteer Amanda Reed during last week's Science Day program at Center School. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: Acushnet Fire Department members Al Robichaud (far left) and Frank Knox (second from left) present Susan M. Boulay, Principal of St. Francis Xavier School (second from right) with a check to purchase new fire extinguishers for the school. Ken Sebastio (far right) from Fire Pro Company in Fall River provided the units at cost. (Photo courtesy of Susan M. Boulay).

Fire Prevention

Acushnet Firefighters Make Donation to School

On February 13, 1998, the Acushnet Firefighters Association presented St. Francis Xavier School with a \$200 check for the purchase of 15 ABC fire extinguishers. These extinguishers will replace the water-filled ones the school currently has. Fire Pro Company in Fall River discounted the extinguishers to cost.

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for Point Connett and \$2.2 million for Park Street.

The commission also stressed the need for the replacement of the town's twenty-year-old fuel tank, which is estimated to cost \$9,800. The tank contains diesel fuel, which could prove to be potentially harmful.

William Nicholson added that "we do the leak detection on the tank, but we don't do it everyday." Therefore, the commission recommends putting the issue on the article for the Town Meeting.

Brandt Island Road may become the next priority area: "Certainly by the next annual town meeting," Mr. Huntoon said.

He added that the commission is working on creating a website that would offer residents the opportunity to be updated on the progress of such developments and projects. It would offer insightful data from the Water and Sewer Department.

The next appointment on the agenda was with East Coast Engineering representative Bob Cummings who spoke about the gasoline remediation project in town.

Currently, he is monitoring the condition of the wells, and their gasoline content. The last samples he had to refer to were from December 1997 and before that were from June 1997. The December samples proved to be quite optimistic, as they showed the highest part of the contamination moving back into the center of the wells, which is ideal for removal.

He suggested that the sample process must be done with much more frequency — ideally every month — to attain a precise measurement of the potential contamination. Mr. Cummings said that the samples can cost \$800 per round. "If we don't have data for six months, it's hard to see how the system is operating," he explained. The board agreed with his suggestions.

Next on the agenda was Steve Kelleher of Kelleher Architects and Building Inspector Andrew

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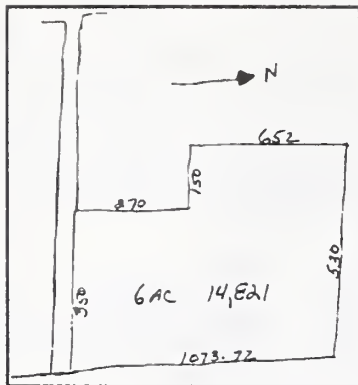
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Bobola to discuss the Town Hall renovations.

Mr. Kelleher read along with the board a letter he submitted to them regarding the costs of the renovations to bring the building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Currently, \$71,000 has been assessed as the value needed to complete the project. This amount includes not just construction costs by Fisher & Rocha, but also includes ads and printing fees, as well as an additional \$5,000 for changes.

The Finance Committee (FinCom) recommends that the project proposal include an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000, as a contingency fund for unexpected and unforeseen problems.

There are three meetings scheduled throughout the week, they are:

- Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm - Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will take place at the Marion Town House.

- Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm - Capital Needs Forum will take place at the Old Hammondtown School.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Notice from Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson that Mattapoisett is one of 45 public water suppliers that is in compliance with DEP's wellhead protection regulations.

- Request from Secretary to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Liz Field for permission to utilize Shipyard Park for Easter Sunrise Service on April 12 at 7:15 am.

- Memorial Day Chairman Jack DeCosta invited

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the board along with the Police and Fire Departments to participate in the Memorial Day Festivities on May 25.

- Proposal from Superintendent of Schools Joan Walsh to appropriate \$220,000 at the Annual Town Meeting for additions and renovations to the junior and senior high schools.

- Request from Richard Fluegel that additional fencing be installed along the walkway at the Herring Run.

- A copy of a letter commending the efforts of Officer Bob Boivin was received from Police Chief Moran. Executive Secretary Carol Adams provided the

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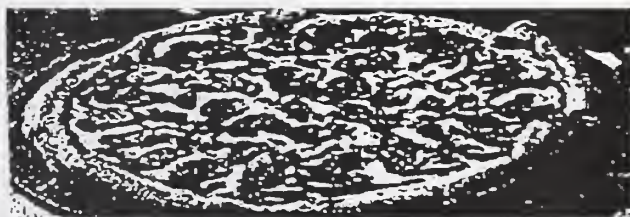
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board with the draft requirements for Constable appointments. She had collected applications from other towns to provide ideas to the board, and recommended that they add their suggestions to the applications so they would be specific to the Town of Mattapoisett.

Donald Linhares of 53 Water Street and Valerie Nichols of 165 Acushnet Road were both appointed to the Capital Needs Committee.

The board reminded the public that applicants are still needed for the Finance Committee. Currently, two positions are available on the FinCom.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

March 12, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 12, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Selectman Albert E. Winters, Executive Secretary Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first signed the following warrants for the week: 36A, 3698, 36, 3698M, 3598M, 3598V, 3598M2, 3598V2, 37, and 3798. They also unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting.

Animal Control Officer Susan King next submitted a request for the board to issue restraining



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orders for two dogs owned by Robert Anderson which recently attacked a neighbor's cat. The board unanimously voted to issue restraining orders for the animals — a Bassett hound and rottweiler mix.

The board also received a request for the use of Washburn Park on August 22 for a family reunion. Provided there are no conflicts or objections from the Recreation Department, the board unanimously voted to approve the request.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Review of the town's Wastewater Facilities Plan from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). According to the letter, the DEP concurs with the recommendations of the draft plan, subject to adequate responses to several comments. In light of the DEP's review, Mr. Pickles advised the board that they should proceed with placing an article on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant to borrow funding for the fourth lagoon at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"Item 5 is the one I'd be most concerned about," Mr. Pickles said, referring to the DEP's recommendation to carry out an additional study to further analyze the monitoring wells in the vicinity of the plant. "The nitrogen level is not necessarily the direct result of the (Wastewater Treatment Facility) ... some of these areas can be handled by the Board of Health."

The board agreed to forward this information to both the Planning Board and Board of Health.

- Letter from Christopher Thornell requesting to become involved with the community by serving on the Recreation Committee. Originally from Marion, Mr. Thornell just moved back to the area with his wife and opened a chiropractic and sports injury center. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Thornell to the town's Recreation Committee for a term to expire on May 31, 1998. "We can always use help on the Recreation Committee," Selectman Dickerson said.

- The Sippican Lands Trust sent a request to the board for permission to sponsor a street and roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 18 to kick off Earth Week 1998. The Lands Trust requested assistance from the DPW, and for use of the Town Landing and stage area for the event. The board agreed that this is a worthwhile project. "I think this is a wonderful opportunity to get people involved in keeping our town clean," Chairman Schaefer said.

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Mr. Pickles presented the board with a draft of the town's General Operating Budget for 1999 for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant. Pending further adjustments, the General Operating Budget total for 1999 will be \$10,607,787 — a 7.88 percent increase over the FY 98 budget of \$9,832,915.

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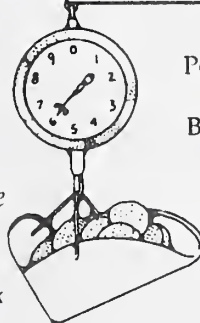


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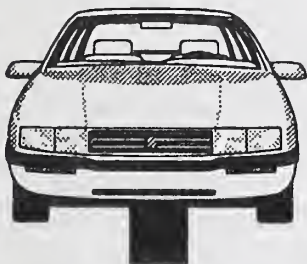
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- \$65,000 Capital Override for Fire Department Air Packs;
- \$35,000 Capital Override for Town House Repairs;
- \$26,000 Appropriation for Police Department Cruiser;
- \$35,000 from Free Cash for Police Department Repairs;
- \$30,000 from Free Cash for Sippican School Special Needs.

The total budget is still pending a final figure from Sippican School. "Hopefully we'll have a firm number in hand for the Sippican School project by Town Meeting," Selectman Winters said.

Chairman Schaefer noted that work on the Marion Music Hall is progressing nicely and the committee is pleased to announce that an Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm so that residents can see the newly-renovated historic landmark. "We invite all citizens to come and see the building that has been under repair for almost a year now," Chairman Schaefer said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:28 pm.

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Taxpayers are already at the limit of what they can afford. Therefore, my goal as your next Selectman will be to do, in a responsible way, whatever is necessary to control spending so that future tax increases can be avoided or kept to a minimum.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 9, 1998

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere, and Executive Secretary Russell Dean.

The first order of business on the agenda was an appointment with James and Holly Vogel of Hiller Road, who were present to discuss the ongoing and unresolved issue of the Mendoza dogs.

"We're in a position ... where the problem has not gone away," said Mr. Vogel. At that point, Mr. Vogel brought out a tape recorder that was used on that day to record twenty-five minutes of incessant barking by the Mendoza dogs. "This is not an exception," said Mr. Vogel referring to the barking, "this is the rule." At one point during the tape, Ms. Mendoza's voice is heard yelling at the dogs. Mr. Vogel insisted on leaving the tape recorder on for the duration of the discussion.

"You've had police officers make random stops," said Mr. Vogel, "but obviously the problem still exists."

The Mendozas explained that the barking has been alleviated somewhat, but only because Mr. Mendoza boards the dogs when he is away on business, which has been frequent of late. However, when the dogs are on the property, the barking is constant.

Selectman Hawkes raised the issue of the

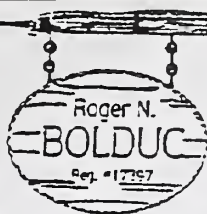
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likelihood that the Vogels' two horses and one pig may contribute to the barking of the hunting dogs. She noted that perhaps the dogs were picking up the scent of the animals.

The Vogels explained that in the three years that they had lived on the property, and the one year that they have owned their animals, the dogs have been a problem throughout their stay. The Vogels added that they obtained a petition from neighbors agreeing with the problem, but that the other neighbors choose not to get involved.

Chairman Cutler noted that the changes the Mendozas claimed to be taking care of — like the bark-resistant collars and the isolated kennels — had obviously not been made. "I had hoped that the Mendozas would

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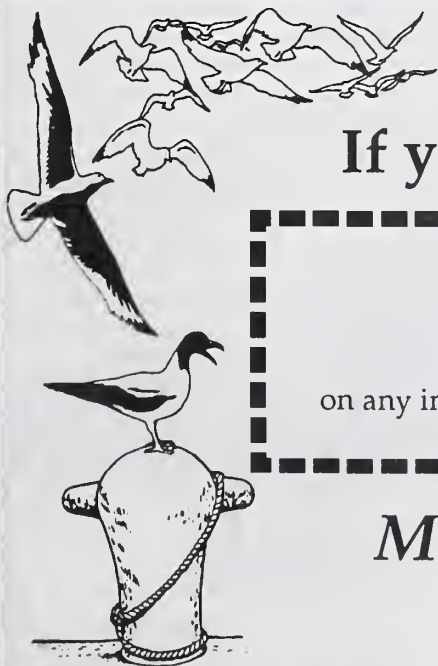
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have followed through with what they said they were going to do," Chairman Cutler said.

The decision was therefore made to invite both the Mendozas and the Vogels back next week to resume the discussion.

Next on the agenda was Executive Secretary Russell Dean's report, which included the following topics:

- In regard to the Rochester Police Department cruiser lease issue, Mr. Dean explained that the town is waiting one more week to make a decision based on the outcome of the Plymouth County Bid which will determine the vendor for the vehicles. This will provide the town a lease package price for the cruiser. Mr. Dean expects to hear the results within a week.

- The Dexter Lane Project is now under way and awaiting a cost prospect for a water line that will run through Dexter Lane. Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge's department will do the labor, but the materials to be used are going out to bid. Materials are expected to cost as much as \$20,000. "We're in better shape than we were a few weeks ago," Mr. Dean said referring to the progress on the project.

- The Mary's Pond Beach Committee has a meeting scheduled in which they will discuss the progression of the project. Mr. Dean said that they were "anxious to get a cost proposal together." The committee is expected to come before the board next week to offer an update.

Under incoming correspondence for the week were the following:

- A letter was from the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District which was in regard to the appointment of school committee members which must be made on or before May 1, 1998.

- A letter from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stating that they no longer oversee the Waste Site Cleanup Program, and explaining that property owners now hire Licensed Site Professionals (LSP's) to evaluate site conditions. They request that the board respond to a survey to let them know about their experiences with such procedures.

- The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) forwarded a letter stating that the Massachusetts

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Senate has passed a bill that would protect local zoning from the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities from unwarranted state oversight.

- The Town of Mattapoisett forwarded a letter to the board offering Selectman Michele Bernier for consideration to represent the Selectmen in School Committee negotiations.

- John N. DeCosta forwarded a letter to the board that extended an invitation to the Junior ROTC to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Mattapoisett to be held on Monday, May 25, and in Rochester on Sunday, May 24.

- The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) sent correspondence to the town advising that based on an unaudited balance sheet, the town's certified "free cash" amount will be \$893,997.

- MediaOne sent a letter notifying the town that they will receive \$571 representing the franchise fee due.

- The Massachusetts Selectmen's Association sent correspondence in regard to the regional school transportation reimbursements. The association approved a warrant article to support legislative action that would



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fund regional school transportation reimbursements at 100 percent of cost.

- The Old Rochester Regional School District sent a letter to Chairman Cutler that requested his permission to dispose of outdated surplus books.

The following upcoming meetings were cited:

- Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 6:00 pm.

- A meeting with the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) is scheduled on March 11 at 7:00 pm.

- The Personnel Board will meet on March 24 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the General Vehicle Use Regulations. The topic was whether a town employee has the authorization to use a municipal vehicle for personal use. After much discussion the board agreed to make the following amendments to the policy:

- A municipal vehicle should not be able to be used outside the boundaries of Rochester for personal use, however,

- An individual department head can reserve the right to use their own discretion in regard to personal vehicle use.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

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Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

March 9, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 9 at 6:05 pm at the Acushnet Community Center on Middle Road by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Peter W. Koczera and Selectman Everett L. Hardy Jr.

The board first received a memo from Police Chief Michael Poitras advising that two candidates have expressed interest in filling the full-time position with the town's Police Department. The board unanimously voted to hold their decision for one week and agreed to schedule time next to meet and interview both candidates before making the appointment. The board will meet at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 16 at 5:30 pm to allow time to interview both.

Chief Poitras also responded to the board's memo regarding a recommendation from the Safety Committee last week to move two "25 miles per hour" speed limit signs on Peckham Road. Chief Poitras agreed that it made sense to move the signs away from the corner so they are more visible. With that, the board unanimously voted to request the Department of Public Works (DPW) to move said signs.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a copy of the new contract between the town and the police union for consideration. "If we are in agreement on the union contract, (the police) have agreed to withdraw their grievances regarding overtime," said Chairman St. Jean. The board wanted time to review the lengthy document and agreed to hold their approval and

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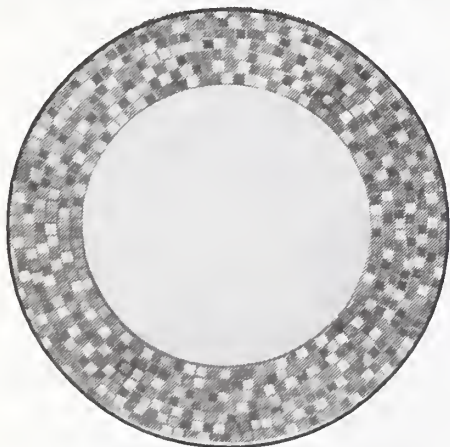
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The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) next sent a memo requesting that the board support Senate amendment S. 2125 that would protect local zoning and planning decisions regarding the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities which are constructed by cell phone companies. Selectman Hardy felt this was an important issue which the board should support: "Why don't we write a letter of support and contact our local representatives?" he said. "I think we should definitely support this bill."

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Superintendent-Director David Ferreira next sent a letter to the board advising that Steven Ellis' term on the Old Colony Regional School Committee expires on May 1, 1998. The town needs to appoint a replacement on or before May 1.

Town Moderator Bob Francis was present at the meeting and suggested that he meet with the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Acushnet School Committee on Tuesday, April 28 to interview potential candidates for the position. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School. Interested residents have until Friday, April 17 at 3:00 pm to submit letters and resumes for consideration.

DPW Superintendent Richard Settele next submitted a copy of his report to the BPW and Highway Foreman regarding flooding problem areas in town. Mr. Settele noted the following problem sites:

- River Road at Jean Street - discharge pipe has collapsed where it crosses a gas pipe on the west side of River Road. Repair was scheduled for March 3, 1998;
- Pembroke Street at Belanger Street - entire neighborhood needs to be evacuated for a drainage system that will relieve flooding problems. Temporary measures will be used to relieve flooding;
- Cushing Lane #34 - owners have caused a flooding problem by filling ditches and constructing stone wall that acts as a dam. Conservation Commission (ConCom) will investigate legality of construction on March 8, 1998;
- Cedar Hill Drive - area continues to be a problem during heavy rains due to low-lying land within the subdivision. Engineering design is required to solve problems;
- James Street at Nelson Street - no flooding but town needs to construct a catch basin in the west side of James Street to pick up runoff;
- Gammons Road - existing pipe drain that crosses Gammons Road is undersized (10 inches) and

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- Mattapoisett Road at New Boston Road - existing drains need to be cleaned;

- Mattapoisett Road near Brook - road side ditches have been filled by contractors building new homes which caused flooding in one location. DPW will install 500 feet of drain in spring of 1998 to resolve the problem;

- Morse's Lane #35 - stone box culvert under Morse's Lane is being inundated by heavy rains. The site needs substantial design and construction work to relieve flooding;

- New York Avenue - flooding appears to be due to undersized piping. Catch basin construction and larger pipe size is proposed by DPW;

- Hathaway Road - broken pipe has been



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The board unanimously voted to place this report on file and thanked the DPW for their in-depth response on the flooding problems in town.

Building Inspector Leo Lyonnaise next sent a request for a transfer of \$387.50 from the Reserve Fund to pay Deputy Building Inspector Victor Pereira for recent inspections conducted. Currently, there is no money available in the Deputy Wire Inspector account. The board unanimously voted to approve the transfer as per Mr. Lyonnaise's request.

DPW Superintendent Richard Settele next sent a memo to the board regarding property located at 295 Mendall Road. According to Mr. Settele, due to the high incidence of rainfall in January and February, many residents are faced with potential flooding problems. "When these situations arise and we are made aware of the discharge onto the public way, we notify the owner of the violation of Town By-Law and request that they cease immediately," Mr. Settele wrote. "Is the Town of Acushnet going to insist that a homeowner be forced to flood his basement if there is no other place to discharge the storm water that is flowing onto his property?"

"This is an ongoing problem in New England," Selectman Koczera said. "When we have surface drainage in our streets, we should allow people to discharge into surface drains. Maybe we need to pass a by-law for emergency situations?"

The board agreed this issue needed further consideration and unanimously voted to schedule a meeting with the DPW, Board of Health, and ConCom in May to review further options to this dilemma.

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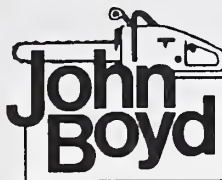
Acushnet Public Schools, next sent a letter confirming that Monday, March 30 will be "Student Government Day" in Acushnet. Students from the Ford Middle School and St. Francis Xavier School will have the opportunity to view the workings of town government from the inside and spend time "shadowing" their town officials inside Town Hall.

Selectman Hardy noted that they will need to get a list of students who will be participating so they can notify the various town departments prior to March 30.

At 6:35 pm the board was prepared to continue a public hearing to consider alleged liquor violations incurred at Nine Island Restaurant. However, the establishment's attorney requested they go into Executive Session due to pending litigation and to discuss personality issues involved. The board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 6:35 pm and returned to Open Session at 7:04 pm.

Upon returning to Open Session, Chairman St. Jean noted that the hearing will be continued in no less than 60 days and advised that Town Counsel Everett Marder be present for the hearing.

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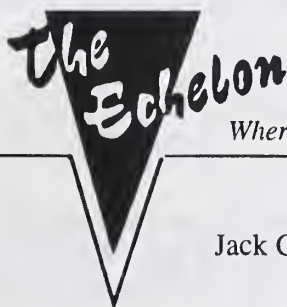
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Is it better to get 1 bird or to get a pair?

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engineering design services for the Town Hall and Parting Ways Building renovations to bring both structures into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). There were three parts to the bid: the first would be to bring just the Town Hall into compliance with the ADA (\$320,000); the second was solely for the Parting Ways Building (\$220,000); and the third encompassed both buildings into one project (total cost of \$540,000).

In addition, Clearwater Architects' engineering fee (including their original contract with the town) is \$37,800.

But the board and Town Clerk Richard Threlfall felt they needed to review the specifications of the project with Clearwater again, since they didn't plan on installing bathrooms in the second floor of either building. "The way I understood it, if we installed handicap bathrooms on the first floor and provide an elevator access, we'll be in compliance," Selectman Koczera said. The board agreed to schedule a "walk through" of both buildings with a representative from Clearwater Architects on Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 am.

Board of Health member Bob Medeiros next brought a series of complaints he had received to the Board of Selectmen's attention. Mr. Medeiros said there have been complaints about the public rest rooms in Town Hall and the Parting Ways Building. He inspected both facilities, and found the Town Hall bathrooms to be clean and sanitary. However, the bathroom facility in the Parting Ways Building was not very clean and retained an odor.

"The bathroom was rather dingy," he said. "The problem is the urinals aren't easy to reach ... so some people end up missing and urinate on the floor. I think we need to put a pedestal in there and have the janitor check on the bathrooms at least twice a day."

The board unanimously voted to request that the janitor check the facilities at least twice a day and also to turn the matter over to Director of Facilities Richard Threlfall for further consideration.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:16 pm.

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- **ORR High School**

A Wellness General Information Meeting for Spring Sports will be held in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium on Monday, March 23 from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm. Student-Athletes are required to attend with one parent. For further information, please call the school at 758-3745.

- **ORR Junior High School**

The Student Affairs Committee at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will be sponsoring a Basketball Shootout on Tuesday, April 7 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The students and faculty will have 3 minutes to shoot from anywhere on the basketball court. Participants will collect pledges "per basket" or a flat donation. All proceeds will be donated to The Easter Seals Committee.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The March meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on Thursday, March 19. Tea, sandwiches, and sweets will be served, followed by the business meeting and program.

The speaker will be Maurice Parkonen, Floral Designer at RF Morse Company in West Wareham. Mr. Parkonen has been in the floral business for 26 years and will create several arrangements during his program. Guests are always welcome.

Steak Supper in Marion

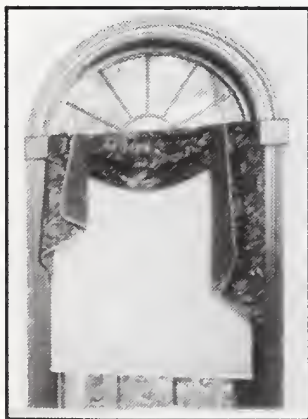
The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 VFW will hold a Steak Supper and Dance at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 21 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. Music will be provided by Dick Aranjio and the Travelers. Tickets may be obtained by calling 295-2848, 748-0791, or 947-8799. Donation is \$11 per person.

Candidates Night in Acushnet

Acushnet's twelfth annual Candidates' Night, sponsored as in previous years by Acushnet Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhood, Inc. (ACTION), will take place on Thursday evening, March 19, 1998 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the Acushnet Elementary School (800 Middle Road).

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This year's event shapes up to be a lively and informative evening, with hotly-contested seats for Selectman and Board of Public Works. The current Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Bob St. Jean, is giving up his seat in order to run for Sheriff of Bristol County. The vacant seat is being contested by four candidates including the current Town Clerk, Richard Threlfall.

Most controversial is the BPW race, with two candidates for a one-year seat and four candidates for two three-year seats — two of whom are incumbents. With all the accusations, counter-charges, public demonstrations, and even movements for recall, the debate for these seats is likely to be spirited and a challenge for the Moderator. All Acushnet voters are strongly urged to attend.

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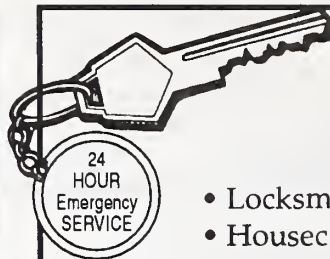
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the dates of its spring series of walking tours. The tours were developed to highlight the history and attractions of several areas of town. From visiting an 1828 stone schoolhouse to learning about the battles at Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, there is something of interest to nearly everyone on these popular guided walks. The upcoming programs include:

- Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 pm - Poverty Point Tour. The tour begins at Old Stone Schoolhouse, corner of North Street and Castle Avenue, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and includes a look inside a one-room schoolhouse, stories of Manjiro Nakahama, Joshua Slocum, John Cooke, and other history related to the oldest village settlement in Fairhaven. Tour will repeat on June 13.

- Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm - Fairhaven Center Tour. The tour begins at Willow Park, corner of Fort and South Streets, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and includes visits to Union Wharf, the Town Hall, stories of Warren Delano, H. H. Rogers, the exterior of the mansion where Clara Bow appeared in the classic film "Down to the Sea in Ships," and more. The tour will repeat on June 20.

- Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 pm - Fort Phoenix Area Tour. The tour will begin at the Hurricane Barrier, Fort Street, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, histories of the Fort Street homes, an area that was once the estate of millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers.

- Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm - Riverside Cemetery Tour. The tour begins inside cemetery entrance on Main Street with guide Natalie Hemingway. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include burial sites of

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In addition to the weekend tours, a weekday Henry Huttleston Rogers Tour is scheduled for every Thursday at 10:00 am beginning June 25. More in-depth focus on Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers. These tours start at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 27 Center Street, and take about 75 minutes.

For more information, please call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 979-4085. The Visitors' Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Towns Form emPOWERment

Eight towns in Southeastern Massachusetts have banded together to form SouthCoast emPOWERment, an intergovernmental body which will negotiate to get the best possible electric rates for local residents and businesses now that the state legislature has deregulated the electric utility industry. Under the Restructuring Act signed by the Governor on November 25, 1997, local electric utilities such as Commonwealth Electric and

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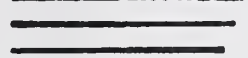
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The Restructuring Act specifically authorizes cities and towns to become "municipal aggregators" — individual towns or groups of towns which arrange for the supply of electricity for customers within their borders at favorable terms. Residents and businesses remain free to choose any supplier they want, and do not have to accept the supplier chosen by the municipality.

Representatives of the towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Westport have been meeting for over a year in anticipation of the advent of competition in the marketplace for electricity. Over the next several months, these towns will formally establish "SouthCoast emPOWERment" as an intermunicipal compact, retain consultants who will help them shop for the best possible deal on electric supply, and then offer businesses and residents of these towns the opportunity to purchase their electricity at a significant discount.

As Bob Reed of Westport, Chairman of the group, noted: "SouthCoast emPOWERment provides the advantage of being able to negotiate very favorable electric supply rates, given our size. Unlike the fierce competition we saw when long distance telephone service was deregulated, we don't expect that electric companies will be competing for business of individual customers in the near future. By banding together, however, we'll have



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This spring, each of the eight towns will seek formal approval from their Town Meetings to join SouthCoast emPOWERment. EmPOWERment plans not only to negotiate for a supply of electricity, but also to develop energy plans that will assist their residents and businesses in conserving energy and developing alternative energy sources that pollute and cost less than existing sources. Any contracts that emPOWERment negotiates for electric supply must be approved by the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy to ensure that customers will be getting a good deal.

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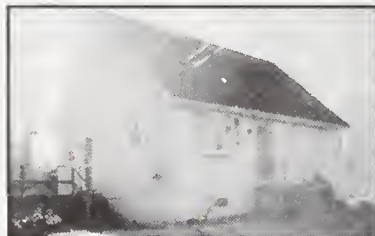
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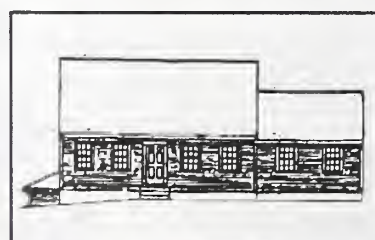
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The Capital Needs Committee is holding a forum to discuss the capital needs of Mattapoissett with interested voters. The committee has assembled the needs identified by each of the town department heads and seeks to review this with all concerned for some indication of interest, priorities, or alternatives. The forum is planned for Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

Voter Registration

The last day to register for the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, April 7 is Wednesday, March 18. The Town Clerk's office will be open for registration from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on that day.

Absentee Ballots

Applications are being accepted in the Town Clerk's office for Absentee Ballots. If you are going to be unable to vote in person at the polls on April 7, make an application for an absentee ballot. They can be mailed, or even easier: you can vote in the office. Please call 758-4103 for details. The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. The deadline for filing for absentee ballots is Monday, April 6 at 12:00 noon. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office for in-office voting.

Dog Licenses

The 1998 Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office. If you are in doubt about a current rabies shot, the Town Clerk's office will check it for you and provide the name of your vet.

Rabies Clinic

A dog and cat Rabies Clinic will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Mattapoissett Fire Station. The fee is \$10 per animal. Veterinarian Phil Gaudet will be administering the vaccine.

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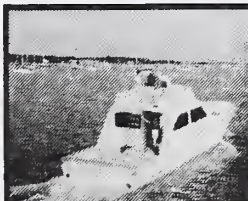
Applications for the Summer Youth Program are available at the Town Clerk's office. These are from New Directions Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP), which is offering summer work to economically-disadvantaged youth in the area. The earlier you apply, the better your chance for employment. This program is open to youths 14 to 21 years of age.

Rochester Dog Licenses

The 1998 dog licenses are now available in Rochester. There is a mail-in license application form enclosed in the census mailing, or you may obtain a license in person from the Town Clerk's office. The fee schedule is \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog, \$10 for an unneutered or unspayed dog. Kennel licenses are \$30 for six dogs, \$60 for ten dogs, \$150 for commercial kennel. If you have any questions, please call the Rochester Town Clerk's office at 763-3871.

Acushnet Kindergarten Registration

Acushnet Public Schools announced that Kindergarten Registration for the 1998 school year will take place on April 16 at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm. Kindergarten Orientation/Buddy Day will take place at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road,



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Fairhaven Candidates' Night

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association is pleased to announce "Candidates Night" for the upcoming election. The group strives to help introduce the voters to those who would like to become or remain elected officials.

This year the program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18. The location will be the Hastings Middle School auditorium. Individuals running for public office will be given an opportunity to speak before an audience on any topic they wish for up to five minutes. The format for each candidate will be left entirely to the individual. There will not be any questions pre-submitted. The candidate will also be allowed to choose if he/she wishes to take questions from those in attendance for up to an additional five minutes.

Refreshments will be provided. The program is FREE and sponsored as a public service by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

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Seaport Lecture Series

The Seaport Wednesday evening Lecture Series in Mattapoisett is still open for enrollment. The topic will be "Conversations on Culture" by Don Finley. On March 18, the topic will be "Paper or Plastic? or an Iron Cage?" — a consideration of changes in the last fifty years. Attendance for a single session is welcomed.

Parent Night at ORR

The Old Rochester Regional High School Guidance Department will sponsor a college information night for parents of high school juniors on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Cafeteria.

Barbara Meehan, John Spinale, and Susan Zartman, Guidance Counselors at ORR, will be conducting a week-long group guidance program in all junior English classes beginning March 16. The program



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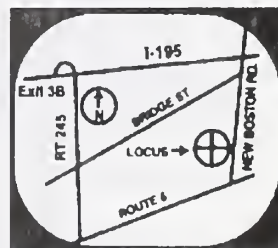


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covers careers and educational information, including the Self-Directed Search and Steps in the College Application Process. The parent information night is intended to help parents understand the steps to follow in preparing for post-secondary education. Materials will be distributed relating to college applications, choosing careers, and the financial aid process. Although the program is designed for parents of juniors, parents of younger students are also encouraged to attend.

Color at Mattapoisett Museum

On Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 pm, Mr. Max Ferro, President of the Preservation Partnership of New Bedford, will present a program on "Color in Historic Architecture." This program will take place at the Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street, in Mattapoisett.

Mr. Ferro's slide presentation will help dispel the myth that all early architecture and building was dull and drab tending to greys, browns, and other muted colors. Those who have heard Mr. Ferro before will know that he is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

The public is invited to attend. There is a \$2 admission fee for those not members of the Historical Society.

Rochester Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of events for the month of March sponsored by the Rochester COA:

- Thursday, March 12 - Busy Bee's at the Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Monday, March 16 - Dartmouth Mall trip, van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am.
- Tuesday, March 17 - Dr. Thornell will be the guest speaker at the lunch site at 11:30 am. The topic will be "Preventing Injury in Everyday Life."
- Tuesday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Monday, March 23 - Bagging at Canton: van leaves Town Hall at 8:00 am.
- Thursday, March 26 - Busy Bee's at the Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Saturday, March 28 - SERVE, NE (SHARE) Pick-Up from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Packages will not be held.

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- Monday, March 30 - Shopping at Independence Mall: van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am and reservations are a must.
- Tuesday, March 31 - Steven Klienbergl will be guest speaker at the lunch site at 11:30 am. The topic will be "Estate Planning."

Charlie Brown at Fairhaven High

The Fairhaven High School Drama Club will present "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," a musical based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz with music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, at the high school's Knipe Auditorium. The show will be staged on Thursday, March 26 at 8:00 pm; Friday, March 27 at 8:00 pm; Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 pm; and Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 pm. All seats are reserved and admission is \$7. For tickets, please call 979-4098.

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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Though not a perfect 300, Coen's *Lebowski* hits strikes and spares

BY ROB GONSALVES
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■ *The Big Lebowski*. Starring Jeff Bridges and John Goodman. Written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Running time: 117 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

As much as I enjoyed *The Big Lebowski* — and it's probably the best movie this dead season will have to offer — I'd hesitate to recommend it to anyone but die-hard fans of the Coen brothers. Such willfully bizarre Coen efforts as *Barton Fink* and *The Hudsucker Proxy* seem designed to split viewers into two categories: those who get it and those who don't (and the latter viewers usually don't even show up). *The Big Lebowski* isn't a relatively straight movie like their crossover hit *Fargo*, which the uninitiated could take as a weirder-than-usual crime drama. No, the new film finds the Coens firmly back on their deadpan-wacko *Raising Arizona* turf.

Abduction plots have served the Coens well, and here they are again with ransom notes and inept kidnappers (if there isn't a film-school thesis on the motif of kidnapping in the Coens' films, there probably will be). Jeff Bridges, returning to his shaggy *King Kong* look, stars as the typical Coen hero: Jeff Lebowski, a stoner and bowler who prefers to be addressed as "the Dude." He has the same name as a disabled billionaire (David Huddleston), which leads to a misunderstanding wherein two thugs show up at the Dude's hovel, rough him up, and pee on his rug. The other Lebowski's trophy wife, you see, has been running up debts all over L.A.; when she's kidnapped, the big Lebowski hires the Dude as a courier for the ransom.

As if the plot even mattered in most Coen movies. *The Big Lebowski*, like the Coens' most underrated film *The Hudsucker Proxy*, is an excuse for Joel and Ethan's patented stylized dialogue ("He's a good doctor, and thorough") and unapologetic caricatures. Coen veteran John Goodman is one of the latter, as the Dude's Vietnam-vet bowling buddy Walter, who takes care



of his ex-wife's pooch and refuses to bowl on Jewish holidays. There's also the big Lebowski's "artist" daughter Maude (Julianne Moore, trying to out-enunciate Jennifer Jason Leigh in *Hudsucker*), who has about as much reason to be in the

film as anyone else — which is to say, not much except to set up a gag or say things that nobody outside a Coen film would say.

The Coens shrewdly cast Jeff Bridges against type. Usually, Bridges is the most alert of actors; he was ideal as the alien in *Starman*, trying Earth customs on for size. The Dude, however, is blissfully oblivious, and Bridges gives a relaxed slapstick performance. Sometimes he's funny just sitting there, spread out across the back seat of a limo, sipping White Russians that always stain his mustache. But underneath this slacker is a hard-working professional — Bridges does more with his deflated body language than many comedians can manage by chewing the furniture.

Like Bridges, the Coens are pros whose work doesn't look like work at all — it looks like goofing off — until you see Coen wannabes try it and fall flat on their faces. *The Big Lebowski* doesn't really come together; it's as if the Coens consciously avoided easy, audience-pleasing wrap-ups and character arcs. (Another motif in the Coens' work is offscreen deaths of major characters: Judy Davis and John Mahoney in *Barton Fink*, the kidnapped wife in *Fargo*. There's another one here.) The movie is the Coens' acknowledged tribute to Raymond Chandler (just as *Miller's Crossing* was a nod to Hammett), and Chandler wasn't all that concerned with plot coherence either — he used a story as a clothesline on which to hang vivid characters, snappy patter, and local color. That sums up every Coen film, including this one.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (March 13) through Tuesday (March 17)

The Wedding Singer (PG-13) — Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15;
Sa/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Tue: 7:00, 9:15

As Good As It Gets (PG-13) — Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30;
Sa/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon-Tue: 6:30, 9:15

Spice World (PG) — Fri: 2:00; Sa/Sun: 12:00, 2:00

Dark City (R) — Fri-Sun: 7:15, 9:30; Mon/Tue: 6:45, 9:00

Hush (PG-13) — Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15;
Sa/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Tue: 7:00, 9:00

The Big Lebowski (R) — Fri: 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45;
Sa/Sun: 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:30

L.A. Confidential (R) — Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30;
Sa/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon/Tue: 6:30, 9:15

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

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Friday (March 13) through Thursday (March 19)

Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13) — 12:40, 1:10, 3:30, 4:00,
6:40, 7:10, 9:20, 9:40

The Education of Little Tree (PG) — 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

Wings of the Dove (R) — 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

Krippendorf's Tribe (PG-13) — 12:30, 2:30, 4:30

Twilight (R) — 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

U.S. Marshals (PG-13) — 12:50, 1:20, 3:30, 4:10,
6:30, 7:00, 9:20, 9:40

The Borrowers (PG) — 12:40, 2:40, 4:50

Senseless (PG-13) — 6:50, 9:00

Titanic (PG-13) — 12:30, 2:50, 4:20, 7:20, 8:10

Good Will Hunting (R) — 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10

The Apostle (PG-13) — 6:30, 9:10

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Adoptable Animals

Animal Umbrella's focus this week is on acquiring additional foster situations for the upcoming kitten season. Last year, they took in 72 litters averaging about 300 kittens which were foster cared and later adopted into permanent homes. If you have a room in your home that could be used for this purpose, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives listed below. They will make a home visit and provide whatever is needed for the cat or kittens while residing with you.

A few adults are still awaiting adoption this week, including:

- "Clarissa," a long-haired bobtail calico (spayed);
- "Braveheart," a seven-month-old neutered male with short hair;
- "Robyn," a short-haired, petite black and white spayed female (1 to 2 years old) who is young and timid and also prefers an adult placement;
- "Kitty," a nine- to ten-month old calico with short hair.

New listings this week include:

- A six-year-old gold neutered male Persian;
- A five-year-old calico;
- A three-year-old black and white neutered male;
- A large orange short-haired female whose owner died recently — she is timid and shy and needs an adult placement;

• An older, all-white short-haired female with double paws whose owner also died this week.

If you live alone and want a companion, either of these last two offerings would be great for you and the cat. They are both extremely depressed with the loss of their owners.

Several dogs were adopted on Saturday, but there are always more available at the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. Please call Kristy at 979-4028 to view them. The shelter is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00.

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Wednesday, March 18 — Turkey fingers, mashed potatoes, corn, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, March 19 — Hot dogs, French fries, pickles, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, March 20 — Pizzeria pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

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Monday, March 16 — Creamed carrot and celery soup, crumbed baked chicken leg, Delmonico potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Tuesday, March 17 — Corned beef hash, parsley boiled potato, sliced carrots, cabbage (garnish), rye bread, jello.

Wednesday, March 18 — American chop suey, cut green beans, Parker House roll, chilled fruit.

Thursday, March 19 — Open turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding.

Friday, March 20 — Tuna noodle casserole, peas, club roll, cherry streusel.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 18 — Baked ziti, French bread, chicken fajita pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or ham and cheese pocket, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets

with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry whip dessert.

Tuesday, March 17 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, vegetable pasta salad, carrots, mixed fruit, lime jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 18 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, chicken patty club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, apple squares.

Thursday, March 19 — Hot turkey sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 20 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, cheese ravioli with sauce, grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled pears, spring cake.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 16 — Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, steak and cheese grinder, chicken salad pocket, oven fries, baked beans, tossed salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Tuesday, March 17 — St. Patrick's Day: Corned beef and cabbage, hamburger/cheeseburger, shaved turkey club, boiled potatoes, carrots, chilled pineapple, lime jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 18 — EARLY DISMISSAL (no lunch served, gazebo open).

Thursday, March 19 — Hot turkey sandwich, steak and cheese grinder, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 20 — American chop suey, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, hamburger/cheeseburger, salad, green beans, chilled peaches, spring cake.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, March 16 — Hamburgers, French fries, pickles, milk, or ham and soup, dessert.

Tuesday, March 17 — Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, March 18 — Turkey fingers, mashed potatoes, corn, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, March 19 — Hot dogs, French fries, pickles, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, March 20 — Pizzeria pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy,

hamburger/cheeseburger, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry whip dessert.

Tuesday, March 17 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, vegetable pasta salad, carrots, mixed fruit, lime jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 18 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, chicken patty club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, apple squares.

Thursday, March 19 — Hot turkey sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 20 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, cheese ravioli with sauce, grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled pears, spring cake.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 18 — Baked ziti, French bread, chicken fajita pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or ham and cheese pocket, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 16 — Cheeseburger, potato rounds, corn, fruit, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday, March 17 — Chicken noodle soup, grilled ham and cheese, potato chips, mixed vegetables, cherry square.

Wednesday, March 18 — BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, chocolate cake.

Thursday, March 19 — Linguica and cheese sandwich, baked beans, chips, green beans, jello.

Friday, March 20 — Seafood salad roll, or pizza, fries, carrots, peanut butter cookie.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 18 — Baked ziti, French bread, chicken fajita pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or ham and cheese pocket, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 16 — Soup, assorted sandwiches, chicken fritters, fries, pickle, celery stick, pudding, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Lasagna, or Steak'Um, green beans, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 18 — Soup, shepherd's pie, chicken patty, roll, applesauce, pudding, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Chicken fajita, or BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, nacho, cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, March 20 — BBQ chicken, or ham and cheese croissant, rice, peas, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets, or tuna pocket, puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 17 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 18 — Baked ziti, French bread, chicken fajita pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 19 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, or ham and cheese pocket, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 20 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 16 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry whip dessert.

Tuesday, March 17 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, vegetable pasta salad, carrots, mixed fruit, lime jello with topping.

Wednesday, March 18 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, chicken patty club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, apple squares.

Thursday, March 19 — Hot turkey sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, "hero" sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 20 — EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30 a.m. (no lunch served).

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Mattapoisett Seniors will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Knights of Columbus building on Route 6. After a brief meeting, seniors will view a colorful, narrated video titled "Birds - Our Backyard Varieties." As usual, guests are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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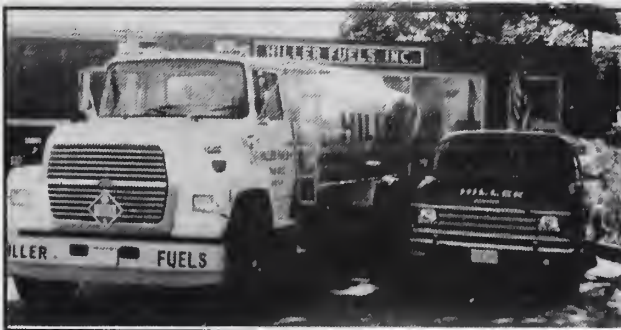
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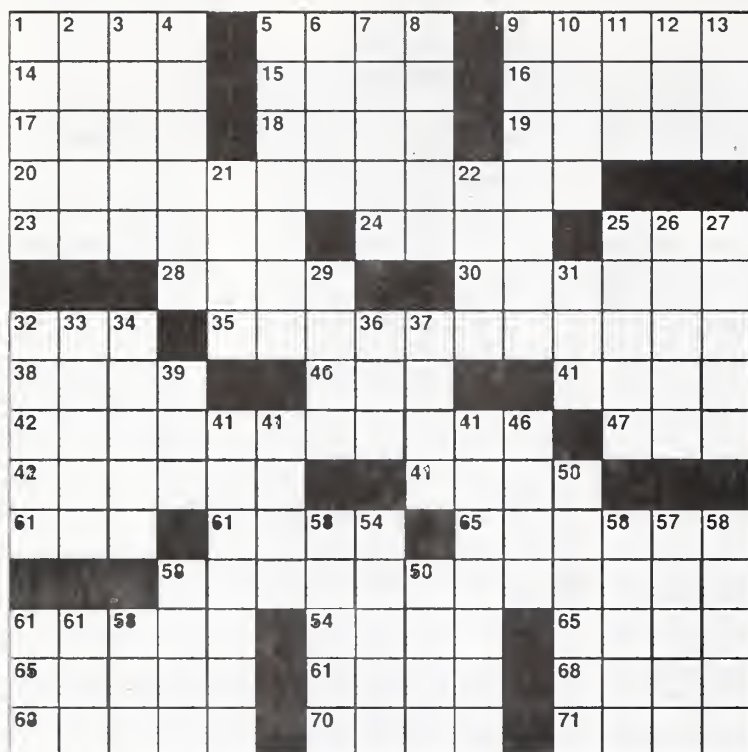
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Romance looks good, if you can find the time. Don't ignore a project that's overdue.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Watch out for breakage at home and a mate's hot temper. Romance looks excellent but a rebounder may not stick with you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Everything falls together, but could fall apart again. Don't procrastinate. A friend's assertiveness leads to a romantic adventure.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Speak to an older person about having more money. Pursue a good job opportunity. You'll learn quickly, so cram as much material as possible into your brain.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're strongest, especially in the mornings. It looks like money's coming into your pocket. Don't make a loan to a friend with a tendency to gamble.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're having trouble with your mate. You may feel like you're being expected to do everything for everybody, and you may be right.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take the time to be perfect. Do not hand in anything that hasn't been checked carefully. You're very imaginative.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't flirt at work. An older person will not be amused. Follow a whim and make a new friend. Try something you've always wanted to do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friends, both far and near, come through for you. Teamwork is the key to your success. Watch out for details.

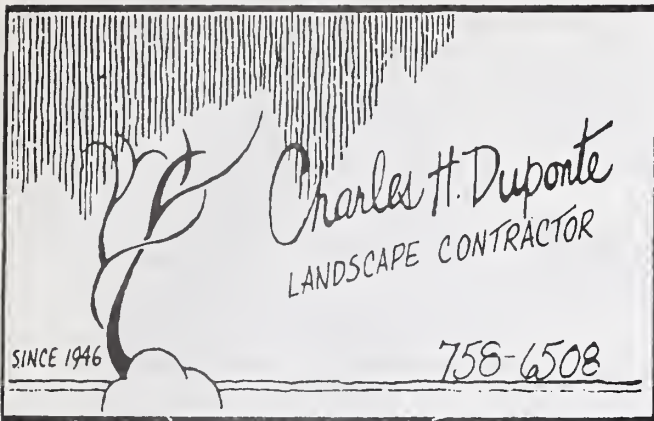
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The work's demanding, but you can do it. The person who's ordering you around is the worst part of the problem. Commiserate with one who cares about you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't let a persuasive partner talk you out of your money — at least not unless you're sure it's a wise investment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). If you need a job, these are good days to get one. If you've got a job, you'll be plenty busy. An argument over petty details threatens your relationship.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Your work finally pays off. Make the change that's required. You can get into shape this year. Let yourself be coached.

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and Relaxation." Please mark this date on your calendar so you can be sure to attend.

Rochester Boat Building Seminar

A seminar will be held on Sunday, March 22 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Rochester Fire Station for anyone interested in the building of a Mattapoisset River racing boat for use in the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. Boats will be on display, plans will be available, and boat builders will be on hand to answer questions.

Buy, Sell or Swap: If you have a river racing boat to sell, bring it with you. If you are looking for a river racing boat, come and see what's available. For further information, please call Race Chairman Arthur Benner at 763-2024.

Pancake Breakfast in Acushnet

On Sunday, March 22 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, there will be a Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 71 Hope Street in Acushnet, sponsored by the Acushnet Water/Sewer Users. Tickets are \$2 for adults, and children 10 and under are admitted FREE. Please call 995-8850 for tickets or further information.

Hospice Benefit in Fairhaven

The Hospice of Community Nurse Association in Fairhaven will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 21 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place in Fairhaven. The event will include door prizes and great food, and tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit Hospice patient care. Tickets are available at the Hospice Office, Fairhaven Town Hall, or at the door.



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<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN OF MARION ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The following bylaw changes which were accepted at the Special Town Meeting which convened on October 28, 1997, have been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, and are published herewith in accordance with current regulations. Claims of invalidity of any of the amendments to the bylaws by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or replacement may only be made within ninety days of the second publication (March 12, 1998) or June 10, 1998.</p> <p>Copies of the bylaws may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA or they may be purchased from the Town Clerk for \$20.00.</p> <p>Article S1 Article X, Zoning Amend the zoning by-laws by rezoning the following areas of land as residential (R):</p> <p>Assessors' plan #11, lots #71, #72 and #73; Assessors' plan #11, lots #78, #78A, #78B, #81A, #81B, #81C, and #81D; Assessors' plan #11, lots #59A, #85, #86, #87, #88, #88A, #89, #89A, #92, #92A, #93, and #94; Assessors' plan #12, lots #9, #10, #11 and #28B; Assessors' plan #7A, lots #65, #66, #67, #68, #69, #70 and #71; Assessors plan #7A, lots #74, #75, #76, #77, #78 and #79.</p> <p>Article S2 Article X, Zoning Section 8.10.2 Amend the zoning by-laws, section 8.10.2, location of Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) by adding the following:</p> <p>Lots #9 and #18 on Assessors' plan #24 and lot #14 on Assessors' plan #26.</p> <p>Article S3 Article X, Zoning Section 5.1 Amend the zoning by-laws by adding to the dimensional requirements table of section 5.1 the following note 11 to the entry for "minimum lot frontage in feet" in the Residence C and Residence D Districts:</p> <p>(11) Provided, however, that the Planning Board may grant a special permit to allow a minimum lot frontage on a common private way shown on an endorsed residential compound plan pursuant to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board. In issuing any special permit for reduced frontage in a residential compound, the Planning Board shall require the applicant to demonstrate that, through easements, restrictive covenants or other appropriate legal devices, the maintenance, repair, snow removal and liability for the common driveway within the residential compound shall remain perpetually the responsibility of the private parties, or their successors-in-interest and that any breach of this condition shall be deemed noncompliance with the terms of any special permit issued hereunder. Any</p>	<p>subsequent change to the roadway surface after the construction of a residential compound shall require a modification of the endorsed plan pursuant to G. L. c. 41, s. 81W and this special permit.</p> <p>Article S4 Article X, Zoning Amend the zoning by-laws by adding the following section 15, Flexible Development and renumbering section 15, General, as section 16:</p> <p><i>Purpose.</i> The purpose of this Section 15, Flexible Development, is to preserve open space, forested and other scenic views along the public ways in the Town of Marion; to protect the natural environment; to protect the value of real property; to promote more sensitive siting of buildings and better overall site planning; to preserve Marion's traditional New England landscape and to allow landowners a reasonable return on their investment.</p> <p><i>Applicability.</i> Any creation of five (5) or more lots in a residence district, whether a subdivision or not, from a parcel or set of contiguous parcels held in common ownership may proceed under this Section 15, Flexible Development, subject to site plan review under Section 3, hereunder.</p> <p><i>Procedures.</i> Applicant for Flexible Development shall file with the Planning Board six (6) copies of a Development Plan conforming to the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan under the Subdivision Regulations of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may also require as part of the Development Plan any additional information necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein.</p> <p><i>Modification of lots - Requirements.</i> The Planning Board may authorize modification of lot size, shape and other bulk requirements for lots within a Flexible Development, subject to the following limitations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lots having reduced area or frontage shall not have frontage on a street other than a street created by a subdivision involved. 2. Lots may be reduced in area to a minimum of eighty-five percent (85%) of the otherwise applicable requirement for the district. 3. Lot frontage may be reduced to sixty-five percent (65%) of the frontage required in the district provided that all lots located within the Flexible Development shall average eighty-five (85%) of the frontage required in the district. 4. Each lot shall have at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the required yards for the district. <p><i>Visual Buffer Requirements.</i> A buffer area, not less than two hundred feet (200') in width, shall be provided between any public way adjacent to the Flexible Development and any home constructed therein. The buffer may be</p>	<p>constituted as a "no build" zone with the site, and may serve as area for individual lots contained therein. No indigenous vegetation shall be removed from this buffer zone before or after the development of the residential compound (except for removal necessary for the construction of subdivision roadways and services and ordinary maintenance), nor shall any building or structure be placed therein.</p> <p><i>Relation to Other Requirements.</i> The submittals and permits of this Section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this zoning by-law.</p> <p>Article S5 Article X, Zoning Section 10 Amend the zoning by-laws by taking the following actions regarding Section 10.</p> <p><i>Item 1.</i> Delete the existing Section 10, Cluster Residential Housing, in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:</p> <p>SECTION 10. CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION</p> <p>10.1 <i>Purpose.</i> The purpose of this section 10, Conservation Subdivision, is to encourage the preservation of open land for its scenic beauty and to enhance agricultural, open space, forestry and recreational use; to preserve historical and archeological resources; to protect the natural environment; to protect the value of real property; to promote more sensitive siting of buildings and better overall site planning; to perpetuate the appearance of Marion's traditional New England landscape; to allow landowners a reasonable return on their investment; to facilitate the construction and maintenance of streets, utilities and public services in a more economical and efficient manner; and to promote the development of housing affordable to low- and moderate - income families.</p> <p>10.2 <i>Applicability.</i> Any creation of five (5) or more lots, whether a subdivision or not, from a parcel or set of contiguous parcels held in common ownership and located entirely within the Residence B, C or D Districts, may proceed under this section 10, Conservation Subdivision, pursuant to the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board, as indicated in section 4.2, the Sue Regulation Schedule. Such permits shall be acted upon in accordance with the following provisions.</p> <p>10.3 <i>Procedures.</i> Applicants for a Conservation Subdivision shall file with the Planning Board six (6) copies of the following:</p> <p>10.3.1 A development plan conforming to the requirements for a preliminary subdivision plan under the Subdivision Regulations of the Planning Board. Such plan shall indicate proposed topography, wetlands and, unless the development is to be sewered, the results of deep soil test pits and percolation tests at the rate of one per acre, but in no case fewer than four (4) per Conservation Subdivision. Where wetland delineation is in doubt or dispute, the Planning Board may require the applicant to submit to the Conservation</p>



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Beanie Baby Benefit Raffle

A Beanie Baby Raffle to benefit Hearts and Hands will provide participants with a chance to win six Beanie Babies in an Easter Basket including the retired Magic the Dragon, the hard-to-find Peace the Bear, and new arrivals Stretch the Ostrich, Spunky the Cocker Spaniel, Prance the Cat, and Smoochy the Frog.

Tickets are only \$1 each and can be obtained at the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe during their regular hours. The drawing date will be April 10 at 4:00 pm. Please help to support this worthy cause.

Acushnet Town Clerk

Voter Registration

If you are not a registered voter, the last day to register for the upcoming Annual Town Election held on April 6, 1998 will be Monday, March 16. The Town Clerk's office will be open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday, March 16 for voter registration. Also, if you have moved within town you should re-register at your new address. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 998-0215.

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<p>Commission a request for determination of applicability pursuant to G.L.C. 131, s. 40 and 310 CMR 10.05(3). The Planning Board may also require as part of the development plan any additional information necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein.</p> <p>10.3.2 Four-step design process. Each development plan shall follow a four-step design process, as described below. When the development plan is submitted, applicants shall be prepared to demonstrate to the Planning Board that these four design steps were followed by their site designers in determining the layout of their proposed streets, house lots and open space.</p> <p>a. <i>Designating the Open Space.</i> First, the open space is identified. The open space shall include, to the extent feasible, the most sensitive and noteworthy natural, scenic and cultural resources on the property.</p> <p>b. <i>Location of House Sites.</i> Second, potential house sites are tentatively located. House sites should generally be located not closer than one hundred (100') to wetlands areas, but may be situated within fifty feet (50') of open space areas, in order to enjoy views of the latter without negatively impacting the former.</p> <p>c. <i>Street and Lot Layout.</i> Third, align the proposed streets to provide vehicular access to each house in the most reasonable and economical way. When lots and access streets are laid out, they shall be located in a way that avoids or at least minimizes adverse impacts on open space. To the greatest extent practicable, wetland crossings and streets traversing existing slopes over 15% shall be strongly discouraged.</p> <p>d. <i>Lot Lines.</i> Fourth, draw in the lot lines (where applicable). These are generally drawn midway between house locations.</p> <p>10.4 <i>Modification of Lot Requirements.</i> The Planning Board may authorize modification of lot size, shape and other bulk requirements for lots within a Conservation Subdivision, subject to the following limitations:</p> <p>10.4.1 Lots having reduced area of frontage shall not have frontage on a street other than created by a subdivision involved.</p> <p>10.4.2 Each lot shall contain not less than fifteen thousand square feet (15,000 sq. ft.) and have frontage of not less than fifty feet (50').</p> <p>10.4.3 No structure shall be placed within ten feet (10') of any front, side or rear lot line.</p> <p>10.5 <i>Number of Dwelling Units.</i> The maximum number of dwelling units allowed shall be equal to the number of lots which could reasonably be expected to be developed upon that parcel under a conventional plan in full conformance with all zoning, subdivision regulations, health regulations, wetlands regulations and other applicable requirements. The proponent shall have the burden of proof with regard to the design and</p>	<p>engineering specifications for such conventional plan.</p> <p>10.6 <i>Open Space Requirements.</i> A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the parcel shown on the development plan shall be contiguous open space, excluding required yards and buffer areas. Such open space may be separated by the road(s) constructed within the Conservation Subdivision. The percentage of the open space which is wetlands, as defined pursuant to G.L.C. 131, s. 40, shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in the open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposed set forth in section 10.1, above.</p> <p>10.6.1 The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation and education, outdoor education, recreation, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes.</p> <p>10.6.2 The required open space shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that ten percent (10%) of such open space may be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space, pedestrian walks and bikepaths.</p> <p>10.6.3 Underground utilities to serve the Conservation Subdivision site may be located within the required open space.</p> <p>10.6.4 The required open space shall, at the owner's election, be conveyed to</p> <p>a. The Town of Marion or its Conservation Commission;</p> <p>b. A non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above; or</p> <p>c. A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the Conservation Subdivision. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town of Marion to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, and shall grant the Town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the Town shall first provide fourteen (14) days written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the Town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the Town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the Town</p>	<p>of same. Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.</p> <p>10.6.5 Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, providing that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved for exclusively agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes.</p> <p>10.7 <i>Buffer Areas.</i> All dwellings and structures shall be located a minimum of fifty feet (50') from adjacent properties and one hundred feet (100') from adjacent surface waters or wetlands. Buffer areas shall be retained in their natural vegetative state to the maximum extent feasible, except where adjacent to agriculturally used property.</p> <p>10.8 <i>Decision.</i> The Planning Board may approve, approve with conditions or deny an application for a Conservation Subdivision, after assessing whether the conservation subdivision better promotes the objectives of section 10 herein, than would orthodox development.</p> <p>10.9 <i>Relation to Other Requirements.</i> The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this zoning by-law.</p> <p><i>Item 2.</i> Add a new entry to section 4.2, Residential Uses, after "Association Piers" as follows:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>R</td><td>LB</td><td>GB</td><td>MB</td><td>LI</td><td>FH</td></tr><tr><td>Conservation subdivision</td><td>SP*</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>WS</td><td>RE</td><td>SW</td><td>OS</td><td>CP</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td>N</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>*Not permitted in the RA District.</p> <p>Article S6 Article X, Zoning Section 5.5 Amend the zoning by-laws by adding the following section 5.5, Waterfront Compound and by deleting in its entirety Section 8.6, Waterfront Estate Conservation Area:</p> <p>5.5 Waterfront Compound</p> <p><i>Purpose.</i> Marion has a number of estate properties located along the waterfront, where large homes on large tracts of land, often along with several smaller homes on the same tract or in separate parcel ownership, have evolved as residential compounds served by a common, private access road. A number of the large homes, which were built for seasonal use originally, have been</p>		R	LB	GB	MB	LI	FH	Conservation subdivision	SP*	N	N	N	N	N		WS	RE	SW	OS	CP			N	N	N	N	N	
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Dog Licenses

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall announced that the 1998 Dog Licenses will be available March 2 in his office during regular working hours. In accordance with the Town of Acushnet By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed by the Town Clerk.

The license fee structure will remain the same as last year: Spayed female dogs and neutered male dogs - \$6 per year; Unaltered female and male dogs - \$9 per year.

Dog owners who fail to license any dog will be subject to a fine of \$25. This year a strict enforcement policy will be implemented. Remember, state law requires that you present a valid rabies vaccination certificate for dogs three months and older to the Town Clerk prior to licensing.

Mattapoisett Seniors Dinner

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be holding its annual Mattapoisett Senior Citizens Dinner on March 28 at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. All senior citizens in the town are invited to attend. A full turkey dinner will be served and for your entertainment music will be provided by The Good Fellows.

For reservations, please call the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) at 758-4110 by March 25. Meals can be delivered for those who cannot get to the church.

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<p>converted to year-round occupancy. It is the intent of this section to preserve the estate and open space characteristics of large tracts of land along the waterfront, including parcels in more than one ownership, in a manner which minimized Town maintenance responsibility.</p> <p><i>Applicability.</i> On tracts of ten (10) acres or more abutting tidal waters, a Waterfront Compound comprised of dwelling units sharing common frontage and a private access road or roads, may be permitted, through the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board, in any single-family residential district.</p> <p><i>Conditions.</i> A Waterfront Compound shall meet all of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tract Ownership. For the purposes of making an application under this section, the minimum tract size may be comprises of parcels in more than one ownership, providing evidence of legal arrangements binding all property owners to the restrictions which may be imposed in the granting of a special permit are presented with an application for special permit. 2. Tract Frontage. The tract shall have a minimum frontage on a public way equal to at least twice the minimum frontage required in the residential district in which it is located, unless an island surrounded by water. 3. Maximum number of dwelling units. The Waterfront Compound shall not contain more than one dwelling unit per two acres of land. Conversion of larger estate residences to more than one dwelling unit is permitted in a Waterfront Compound. 4. Dimensional Requirements. There shall be no minimum lot width or frontage requirements in a Waterfront Compound. On all lots which abut the peripheral boundary of the tract, the setback requirements from the peripheral boundary shall be the same as those which would be required for the residential district in which the land is located. 5. Access. Each dwelling unit in the Waterfront Compound shall have adequate and legally enforceable rights of access to a public street via a private street or driveway or public waterway in case of an island surrounded by water. <p><i>Open Space Requirements.</i> A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the tract shall be contiguous open space, excluding required yards and buffer areas. Such open space may be separated by the road(s) constructed within the Waterfront Compound. The percentage of the open space which is wetlands, as defined pursuant to G.L. c. 131, s. 40, shall not normally exceed the percentage of the tract which is wetlands; provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in the open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes set forth above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The required open space shall be used for 	<p>conservation, outdoor recreational facilities of a noncommercial nature, agriculture, preservation of scenic resources and structures accessory to any of the above uses (including swimming pools, tennis courts, stables and greenhouses), and shall be served by suitable access for such purposes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Underground utilities to serve the Waterfront Compound may be located within the required open space. 3. The required open space shall, at the owners election be conveyed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Town of Marion or its Conservation Commission; b. A nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above; c. A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the Waterfront Compound. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust which shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town of Marion to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance and shall grant the Town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the Town shall first provided fourteen(14) days' written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the Town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the Town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the Town of same. Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds. 4. Any proposed open space, unless conveyed to the Town or its Conservation Commission, shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town, providing that such land shall be perpetually kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved for exclusively agricultural, horticultural, educational or recreational purposes and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes. 5. All deed restrictions with respect to ownership, use and maintenance of permanent open space shall be referenced on and recorded with the plan. <p><i>Limitation on Further Subdivision.</i> No</p>	<p>Waterfront Compound for which a special permit has been issued under this section may be further subdivided and a notation to this effect shall be shown on the plan.</p> <p><i>Decision.</i> A special permit may be granted under this section by the Planning Board provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adequate provision has been made for the disposal of sewage generated by the development in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Health; 2. Due consideration has been given to the reports of the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission; <p><i>Additional Conditions.</i> Any special permit authorizing a Waterfront Compound shall require that individual deeds for lots or dwelling units within the Compound contain the following terms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The land lies within an approved Waterfront Compound Conservation Area; 2. The development of the land is permitted only in accordance with the land uses indicated in the Planning Board's special permit decision; 3. The Town will not be requested to accept or maintain the private access, drainage, open space (except as may be determined during the course of site plan review) or other improvements within the Waterfront Compound. <p><i>Relation to Other Requirements.</i> The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this zoning by-law.</p> <p>Article S7 Article X, Zoning Section 8.11 Amend the zoning by-laws by adding the following section 8.11, "Erosion Control":</p> <p>Erosion Control. Site design, materials and construction processes shall be designed to avoid erosion damage, sedimentation or uncontrolled surface water runoff by conformance with the following:</p> <p>Grading or construction which will result in final slopes of fifteen (15%) or greater on fifty percent (50%) or more of lot area, or on thirty thousand square feet (30,000 s.f.) or more on a single lot, even if less than half the lot area shall be allowed only under special permit from the Planning Board, which shall be granted only upon demonstration that adequate provisions have been made to protect against erosion, soil instability, uncontrolled surface water runoff, or other environmental degradation.</p> <p>All such slopes exceeding fifteen percent (15%) which result from site grading or construction activities shall either be covered with topsoil to a depth of four inches (4") and planted with vegetative cover sufficient to prevent erosion or be retained by a wall</p>

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Capital Needs Forum

The Mattapoisett Capital Needs Committee is planning a Forum to discuss the capital needs of Mattapoisett with interested voters. The committee has assembled the needs identified by each of the town department heads and seeks to review this with all concerned for some indication of interest, priorities or alternatives. The Forum is planned for Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

Spaghetti Supper

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club invites the public to join the members at a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$6 and are available by calling Walt Gajewski at 763-2706 or Gilly Costa at 763-5664, or at the door. The public is also welcome for trapshooting on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for \$2.25 per round.

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The Fin, Fur and Feather Club, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett, invites the public to a Big Bore Shoot, bullseye targets, .357 mag. and up handguns, on Sunday, March 15 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The public is also welcome for trapshooting on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for \$2.25 per round.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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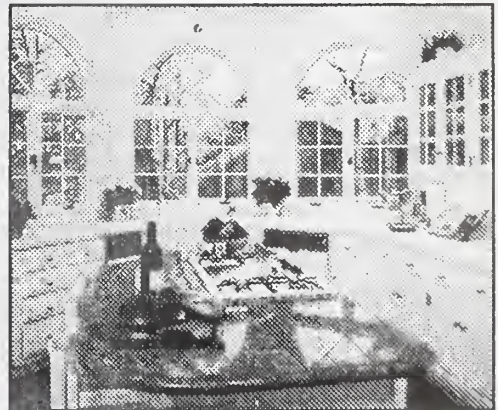
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<p>constructed of masonry, reinforced concrete or treated pile timber.</p> <p>No area or areas totaling one (1) acre or more on any parcel or contiguous parcels in the same ownership shall have existing vegetation clear-stripped or be filled six inches (6") or more so as to destroy existing vegetation unless in conjunction with agricultural activity, or unless necessarily incidental to construction on the premises under a currently valid building permit, or unless within streets which are either public or designated on an approved subdivision plan, or unless a special permit is approved by the Planning Board on condition that runoff will be controlled, erosion avoided and either a constructed surface or cover vegetation will be provided not later than the first full Spring season immediately following completion of the stripping operation. No stripped area or areas which are allowed by special permit shall remain through the Winter without a temporary cover of Winter rye or similar plant material being provided for soil control, except in the case of agricultural activity or an emergency situation, such as storm damage, where such temporary cover would be infeasible.</p> <p>The building inspector may require the submission of all information from the building permit applicant or the landowner, in addition to that otherwise specified herein, necessary to ensure compliance with these requirements, including, if necessary, elevation of the subject property, description of vegetative cover and the nature of impoundment basins proposed, if any.</p> <p>In granting a special permit, the Planning Board shall require a performance bond to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.</p> <p>Hillside areas, except naturally occurring ledge or bedrock outcroppings or ledge cuts, shall be retained with vegetative cover, as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Average percentage slope</th><th>Minimum percentage of land to remain in vegetation</th></tr><tr><td>10.0-14.9</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>15.0-19.9</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>20.0-24.9</td><td>55</td></tr><tr><td>25.0-29.9</td><td>70</td></tr><tr><td>30.0 and above</td><td>85</td></tr></table> <p>Boston, Massachusetts</p> <p>The foregoing amendments to the zoning bylaws adopted under Articles S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting that convened October 28, 1997 are hereby approved.</p> <p>SCOTT HARSHBARGER ATTORNEY GENERAL Kathryn B. Palmer Assistant Attorney General February 12, 1998 (3/5, 3/12)</p>	Average percentage slope	Minimum percentage of land to remain in vegetation	10.0-14.9	25	15.0-19.9	40	20.0-24.9	55	25.0-29.9	70	30.0 and above	85	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AQUACULTURE LICENSE</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing upon the application of Taylor Seafood of Mattapoisett, Inc. for a renewal of an Aquaculture License to grow bay scallops in Mattapoisett Waters. Said application filed on February 27, 1998. Existing location plan available for viewing in Selectmen's Office. This hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 7:30pm in the Selectmen's Office, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett.</p> <p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN John N. Decosta, Chairman Michele C. Bernier, Clerk Paul E. Lambalot 03/05, 03/12</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>MARION WATER DIVISION CUSTOMERS</p> <p>The Marion Water Department will be starting its Spring Flushing Schedule on March 16, 1998 and will take approximately eight (8) weeks to complete.</p> <p>The Schedule is as follows:</p> <p>1 - Rochester - Wolf Island Road to Marion Town Line 2 - Route 105 - town line to Route 6 and Side Streets., County Road, Point Road from County to Route 6, Rivers Edge, River Road 3 - Wareham Street and Side Streets 4 - Front Stret - From Route 6 to Silvershell Beach, including all center areas. 5 - Mill Street - From Nursing Home to Rocky Knook and side streets 6 - Converse Road - from Route 6 to Old Knoll and Indian Cove from Old Knoll to Converse Point and all side streets. 7 - Point Road - from Route 6 to lower Delano Road 8 - Delano Road from Route 6 to lower Point Road and all side streets 9 - Point Road - from lower Delano Road to Kittanset Point, Piney Point and Planting Island.</p> <p>Residents in immediate flushing area may experience discolored water.</p> <p>Robert C. Zora, Supt. Dept of Public Works 03/05, 03/12</p> <div><p><i>Words of Wisdom</i></p><p>Knowledge without common sense is like having a well without a method of drawing up the water.</p><p>Money talks, but sometimes you have to increase the volume to be heard clearly.</p><p>If you don't discipline yourself, someone else will do it for you.</p><p>Nourish your soul well; it lives on what it feeds on.</p><p>It is a sign of immaturity to think yourself exempt from the rules that everyone else lives by.</p><p>The thief is the one who always worries about who is stealing from him.</p><p>© 1998, Tribune Media Services</p></div>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is here by given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following application and petitions:</p> <p>Application of Lois and Michael O'Brien of 19 Centre Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 19 Centre Drive. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections III.A.2.b and III.A.3 of the Zoning By-Law to construct an addition and a deck which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Lot 130, Plot 4 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Office on Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 7:20 P.M. #822</p> <p>Petition of Southeast Communications, Inc. of 258 Main Street, Unit D-1, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 by Gerald Harkins re property located at 50 Industrial Drive. The petitioner is seeking a Variance under Sections VI.C.3 and V.I of the Zoning By-Law to erect a 190-foot communications antenna with auxiliary buildings. The property is further described as Lot 38, Plot 27 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Office on Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 7:40 P.M. #823</p> <p>Petition of Tom and Lisa Gamache of 39 Poppasquash Road, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809 re property located at 6 Waterview Lane. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section VI.E of the Zoning By-Law to construct a deck which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Lot 160G, Sublot 4A, Plat 2 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Office on Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. #824</p> <p>Application of Michael Cummings and Suzanne J. Seguin of 1 Acorn Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 1 Acorn Lane. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections III.A.2.b and III.A.3 of the Zoning By-Law for an approval of an existing deck that does not meet the required setbacks, and that was also built without a building permit. The property is further described as Plot 20, Lot 91 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Office on Thursday, March 19, 1998 at 8:20 P.M. #826</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.</p> <p>Sincerely, William D. Armitage, Chairperson Jeffrey R. Chase Robert Bertrand Nancy L. O'Brien Girard F. Oliva 3/5, 3/12</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on March 16, 1998.</p> <p>William E. Mansfield Donald L. Mansfield, Owners. 03/05, 03/12</p>
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The Mattapoisett Conservation
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Hall on the Request for a Determination of
Applicability submitted by Georgia Click, 21
Elliot Road, Lexington, MA 02173-5630. The
proposed project is to construct a 4' x 4' deck
platform with stairs to grade. The project is
located at 19 Noyes Avenue and is further
identified as Lot 23A on Assessor Map 12A.
Conservation Commission 3/12

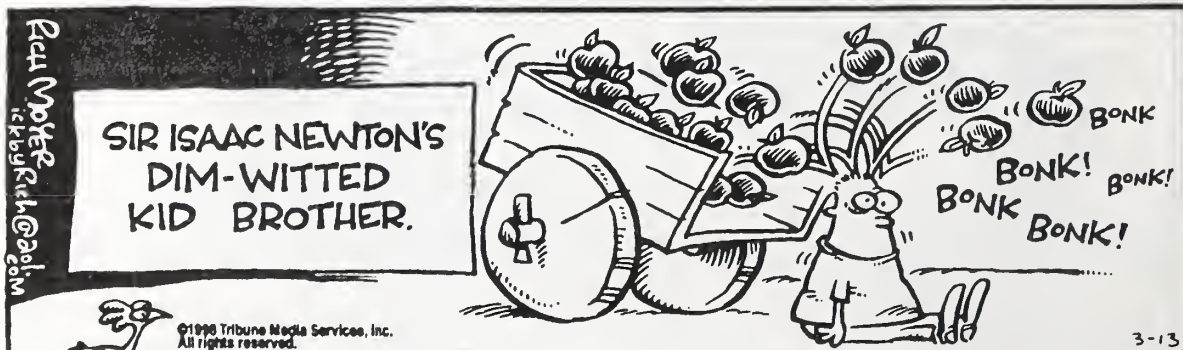
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The Mattapoisett Conservation
Commission will hold a public hearing on
Monday, March 23, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the
Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for
Determination of Applicability of Charles
McKim Mitchell, 388 County Street, New
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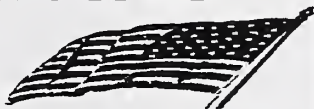
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SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is at the Senior Center every Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to help you with any issues about health insurance. You can just drop in to see Bob Walter and do not need to make an appointment.

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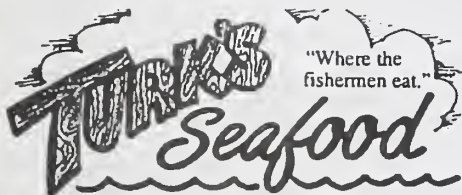
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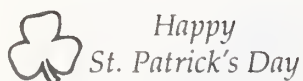
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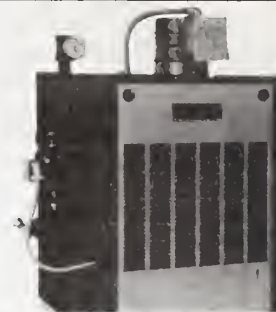
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March 13:	Fri.	7:57	8:15	1:33	1:43
March 14:	Sat.	8:36	8:53	2:01	2:09
March 15:	Sun.	9:14	9:31	2:30	2:38
March 16:	Mon.	9:52	10:10	3:01	3:09
March 17:	Tues.	10:32	10:51	3:35	3:42
March 18:	Wed.	11:14	11:36	4:12	4:20
March 19:	Thur.	...	12:02	4:54	5:04
March 20:	Fri.	12:27	12:58	5:43	5:56
March 21:	Sat.	1:26	2:00	6:42	6:58
March 22:	Sun.	2:29	3:02	7:50	8:10
March 23:	Mon.	3:30	4:01	9:01	9:24
March 24:	Tues.	4:28	4:55	10:08	10:32
March 25:	Wed.	5:21	5:46	11:07	11:33
March 26:	Thur.	6:12	6:36	...	12:00
March 27:	Fri.	7:02	7:25	12:28	12:49
March 28:	Sat.	7:51	8:14	1:20	1:36
March 29:	Sun.	8:40	9:03	2:10	2:23

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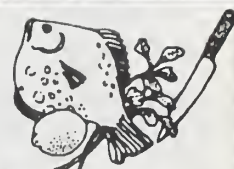
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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 2 through March 8, 1998:

- Middle Road – summons issued (assault and battery)
- Mary Drive – breaking and entering/attempted forced entry
- Mendall Road – motor vehicle accident
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Hope Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Keene Road – disturbance/noise complaint
- Leonard Street – adult arrest (sexual conduct for fee)
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- Middle Road – adult arrest (shoplifting by asportation, person under 21 in possession of liquor, possession of Class B substance)
- Rogerson Avenue – disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Middle Road – motor vehicle accident/summons issued (forgery/misuse of motor vehicle document, receiving stolen property valued under \$250, operating with suspended registration, failure to drive in right lane, violation to conceal number plate)
- Coulombe Street – im-

pounded dog/dangerous animal

- Fairway Drive – shots fired
- Mattapoisett Road – annoying/obscene phone call
- Quaker Lane – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Middlefield Place – adult arrest (resisting arrest, interfering with police officer, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct)
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Rogerson Avenue – disturbance/noise complaint
- Hope Street – threats
- Cleveland Street – vandalism
- Slocum Street – motor vehicle accident
- South Main Street – missing person (child)
- Guillotte Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Slocum Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
- Dayton Street – juvenile arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, use of motor vehicle without authority)
- Apple Blossom Lane – motor vehicle accident
- White's Farm – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Main Street – missing person (child)
- Middle Road – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Hathaway Road – humane call/injured animal
- Laura Keene Avenue – adult arrest (assault and battery on household member)
- John Street – domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault

and battery on household member).

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 1 through March 7, 1998:

- County Road – breaking and entering/past
- County Road – animal complaint
- Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Island Wharf Road – suspicious activity
- Emil's Way – animal complaint
- Rebecca Drive – suspicious person
- Wareham Road – vandalism/past
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating motor vehicle with revoked license)
- Hammett's Cove Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – found property
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Mill Street – incapacitated person
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – breaking and entering/past

• Front Street – noise complaint.

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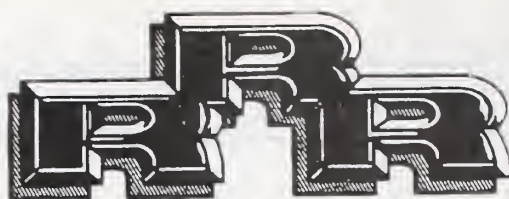
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■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 3 through March 9, 1998:

- Mary's Pond Road – dog hit by car
- New Bedford Road – road hazard
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
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- Mary's Pond Road – animal control matter
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Vaughan Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Quaker Lane (Acushnet) – officer wanted
- Taber Lane – animal control matter
- New Bedford Road – horse loose
- Mary's Pond Road – vandalism
- Route 28 – adult arrest (warrant)
- New Bedford Road – adult arrest
- Marion Road – deer hit by car
- North Avenue – adult arrest
- Snipatuit Road – breaking and entering
- Rounseville Road – road hazard
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident.

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